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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard A. Krueger

21 February 1956

THROUGH : Project Contracting Officer

SUBJECT : Request for Teletype Service

REFERENCE : Memorandum to Project Director, 15 February 1956

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1. I must accept your judgment for the need for classified communication between Westinghouse, Lockheed and Watertown. Nevertheless, before approving the Westinghouse request for such a link, I would appreciate it if you would explore the problem with the Project Communications Officer to discover whether this requirement can be met without excess strain on the Office of Communications. I would suggest also that we agree to furnish a cryptographer for only a limited period of time. You are, of course, aware that no other supplier (except Lockheed) has access to classified communications facilities.

2. I note the suggestion that the link would be established between Westinghouse and Burbank and that all messages would be relayed from Burbank to Watertown. When you explore this matter with the Communications Officer, would you ascertain whether such an arrangement is really necessary. After all both Watertown and Burbank are reached by way of commercial teletype channels. It is my understanding that classified communication is possible between any two stations so connected provided a cryptographer is available at each station. I would assume, therefore, that Westinghouse traffic could flow directly to Watertown without jeopardizing the security of communication. On the other hand, it may well be undesirable from a security point of view to link Westinghouse with any Watertown activities. If this is the case then the arrangement you suggest would, of course, be appropriate.

3. Subject to satisfactory exploration of the above matters, I am prepared to approve the request. 27

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.  
Project Director

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